

**MAYOR**

George B. McGill

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Carl Geffken

**CITY CLERK**

Sherri Gard

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ward 1 – Keith Lau

Ward 2 – Andre' Good

Ward 3 – Vacant

Ward 4 – George Catsavis

At-Large Position 5 – Robyn Dawson

At-Large Position 6 – Kevin Settle

At-Large Position 7 – Neal Martin

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## **AGENDA ~ Summary**

**Fort Smith Board of Directors**

### **STUDY SESSION**

**March 26, 2019 ~ 12:00 Noon**

**Fort Smith Public Library Community Room  
3201 Rogers Avenue**

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<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/XqbsvFPFApS>

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- All present, except Director Martin
- Mayor George B. McGill presiding

1. Review project recommendations by the Community Development Advisory Committee for Year 45 CDBG and Year 26 HOME Program funding  
[Settle/Lau placed item on the April 2, 2019 regular meeting agenda](#)
2. Review recommendations of the Animal Services Advisory Board  
[Dawson/Good placed item on the April 2, 2019 regular meeting agenda](#)
3. Review preliminary agenda for the April 2, 2019 regular meeting

#### **OTHER**

##### **Administrator Geffken**

1. Regarding the current vacancy of Ward 3 Director, he reminded that if the Board desires to appoint an individual to fill said vacancy, and if they wish to interview potential appointees, the option remains to conduct such interviews at a special meeting, which was recommended for either March 28, 29, or April 1. In order to call a special meeting, such requires the concurrence of four (4) directors. No request for a special meeting was offered; therefore, he added that a special meeting can be requested by submitting said request to the City Clerk.

If the Board opts to move forward with appointment, there was brief discussion regarding the appointment process. Additionally, it was also noted that if the Board opts to call a special election to fill the subject vacancy, the earliest date for said election would be in July 2019, which is estimated to cost approximately \$15,000.

2. With regard to water leaks within the city, he announced a water leak map has been uploaded to the City's website that will allow residents to view the status of leaks reported.
3. Regarding the recent utility billing issues, pertinent staff have met to review and discuss the matter; therefore, he will be forwarding an update regarding same to the Board of Directors later in the afternoon.

#### **Director Dawson**

Announced she was contacted by a family that owns grave spaces in Oak Cemetery. The family has indicated their desire to sell the grave spaces; however, per the Fort Smith Municipal Code, such cannot be sold for any more than the original purchase price. In order to "help the family", she requested an ordinance be placed the April 2, 2019 regular meeting to allow owners of grave spaces in Oak Cemetery to sell the grave spaces for the current selling price, i.e. \$850.00. Director Good concurred with the placement. Such requires the concurrence of only two (2) directors; therefore, the item was placed on the April 2, 2019 regular meeting agenda as requested.

#### **Mayor McGill**

Noted that NBA All-Star Sidney Moncrief is visiting Spradling Elementary today, and added that Governor Asa Hutchinson will also visit the school next month.

#### **ADJOURN**

1:04 p.m.